

# The Priory Press



21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

This week has seen a huge commitment from our children to improve their mental maths skills, especially their times tables knowledge. We had a record number of certificates to give out this week in *Pride of Priory* assembly, and three more pupils can now proudly wear their *Gone Green* badge as part of their school uniform for knowing all times tables facts to 12x12. We look forward to having more pupils achieve this in coming weeks.

With warmest wishes, Ms Laver.

## **Pride of Priory**

This week, the following children have been celebrated for their learning in class.

Britto – Henry A and Henry L  
Hepworth – Hallie and Amos  
Kusama – Poppy and Anais  
Matisse – Freddie and Oakley  
Ringgold – James and Finley  
Warhol – Poppy and Jack

Last week, the following children have been celebrated for their learning in class.

Britto – Olivia and Maisie  
Hepworth – Joshua and Jude  
Kusama – Penny and Leo B  
Matisse – Jackson and Harry  
Ringgold – Ezra and Haylee  
Warhol – Joshua and Matilda

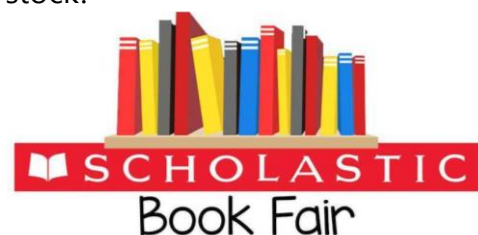
## **Speedwatch and Road safety!**

Year 5 were out in force this week with the local police. On the road at the front of school they used the speed camera and caught 8 drivers driving in excess of the 30 mile and hour speed limit. Furthermore, Reception children have been learning about the importance of road safety, following their Balance Bikeability workshop and know how to use a zebra crossing safely.



## **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who purchased books at the recent book fair. We raised £409.32 and Mrs Barnes, our librarian is now busy ordering more stock.



## NSPCC – Online Safety – be kind online



Don't forget, What's App comes with a 13+ rating. Please follow this link to find out more.

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/whatsapp-2025>

We are all keen to keep children safe online. Esafety is an important aspect of our Computing curriculum at school. Why not take this family quiz about online safety, together?

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/#>

A great 'window' into our school is our Facebook and Instagram pages. Please consider following us.

@prioryprimaryschoolbicknacre



## Attendance

*Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results. DfE*

## **Attendance below 96% is a concern and is monitored by the school.**

Class attendance this week:

Britto – 96.9%

Hepworth – 95%

Kusama – 93.8%

Matisse – 88.4%

Ringgold – 93.7%

Warhol – 95.4%

## **Support Our School – Every Contribution Counts!**

You can now donate to Priory Primary School via ParentPay.

No amount is too small – every penny goes directly towards enriching pupil learning and enhancing educational experiences.

Thank you for your continued support.



## **Thank you for Supporting Our School Through Our Amazon Wishlist!**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased items from the school wish list. We are so pleased with the wonderful support we have received and very grateful the items when they arrive.

Click here to view the wishlist:

<https://amzn.eu/5PPZDjp>

Thank you for your continued support!



### **Arbor – Parental Consent & Personal Details Update**

We kindly ask all parents and guardians to log in to their **Arbor** account to review and update **personal details, medical information** and **parental consents** for their child(ren).

Keeping this information accurate is essential for ensuring we can communicate with you effectively and provide the best care and support for your child. It only takes a few minutes and helps us stay compliant with data protection and safeguarding requirements.

### **Saturday Activity Club for Children & Young People with SEND**

Looking for a fun, inclusive weekend activity? The Saturday Activity Club (run by Families InFocus Essex) offers sports, crafts, and play for children and young people aged 0–25 with SEND.

Chelmsford Sports & Athletics Centre  
Saturdays, 3:30 pm–5:30 pm  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Find out more and book here:

<https://www.familiesinfocusessex.org.uk/event/saturday-activity-club-2-3>

For further information and to book email [activityclub@fifessex.org.uk](mailto:activityclub@fifessex.org.uk)

### **Reminder: Term Time Holidays – Important Information for families**

We understand that travelling during term time is more affordable for families. However, please be aware that there is no legal entitlement for any pupils to take holidays during school time.

Under the School Attendance Regulations 2024, headteachers may only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances—and the desire for a holiday, at a less busy time, is not considered exceptional.

The Department for Education’s national framework now requires schools to consider issuing a Penalty Notice after 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period. These sessions can include any unauthorised absence, including lateness.

#### **◆ Penalty Notice fines:**

First offence: up to £160 per pupil, per parent (£80 if paid within 21 days)

Second offence (within 3 years): £160 per pupil, per parent

Please note: fines are issued and retained by Essex County Council, not the school.



## Christmas Productions

- **Britto and Hepworth** – 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am & 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm
- **Kusama and Matisse** – 11<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm
- **Ringgold and Warhol** - 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm



# Dates for your diary

- **25<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Year 4 Roman Day
  - **28<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Year 4 Ukulele Concert 14.30
  - **5<sup>th</sup> Dec**- PTA Christmas Fair 15.20-17.15pm
  - **9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – **Reception & KS1** Christmas Production 9:15-10:15
  - **10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – **Reception & KS1** Christmas Production 14:00 – 15:00
  - **11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – **Kusama & Matisse** Christmas Production 17:00-18:00
  - **12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Rocksteady Concert 14:20-15.00
  - **17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Reception & Year 6 NHS Height & Weight Checks
  - **17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – **Christmas Lunch** and **Christmas Jumper Day**
  - **17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – **Ringgold and Warhol** Christmas Production 17:00 – 18:00
  - **19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Aladdin Panto – Whole School
  - **19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last Day – School Finishes at **14:45**
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- **6<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Pupils return to school
  - **27<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Year 5 & Reception Road Safety Workshop (letters to be sent out)

